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SUBJECT: SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL JEWISH
COMMUNITIES FOR SOVIET JEWS, BRUSSELS, FEBRUARY 17-19, 1976

SUMMARY: INFORMATION BELOW IS ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE,
ITS GOALS, POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND SECURITY PROBLEMS
ACCORDING TO CONFERENCE GENERAL SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.

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1. SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS ON DATES

INDICATED ABOVE UNDER THEME " LET MY PEOPLE GO".
FOLLOWING INFO RECEIVED FROM CONFERENCE GENERAL
SECRETARY, DAVID SUSSKIND, WHO IS BRUSSELS AND ANTWERP
BASED BELGIAN BUSINESSMAN, KNOWN TO USG. GOALS OF
CONFERENCE ARE TO BEING PRESSURE ON SOVIET AUTHORITIES
WITH A VIEW TO PERMITTING (A) A MORE LIBERAL EMIGRA-
TION POLICY, AND (B) GREATER CULTURAL FREEDOM WITHIN
USSR FOR SOVIET JEWS. CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO DRAW
APPROXIMATELY 1100 DELEGATES FROM 110 COUNTRIES
INCLUDING 400 FROM U.S. SELECTION OF DELEGATES IS
UNDER CONTROL OF JEWISH GROUPS IN EACH COUNTRY. (IN
THE U.S. BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY.)
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HAVE HOPES THAT PRESIDENT FORD
WILL SEND MESSAGE VIA SPECIAL ENVOY (UNNAMED REPUBLICAN
SENATOR) AND THAT SENATORS HUMPHREY AND KENNEDY AS WELL
AS SIX UNNAMED US CONGRESSMEN WILL ATTEND. MESSAGE
ALSO HOPED FOR FROM BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS
AS WELL AS ATTENDANCE BY GOLDA MEIR, MENACHEM BEGIN,
SEVERAL BELGIAN MINISTERS, AND TEN NOBEL PRIZE RECI-
PIENTS.

2. SUSSKIND GAVE US FOLLOWING RUNDOWN OF SECURITY/
PUBLICITY ASPECTS OF CONFERENCE. ORGANIZERS HAVE
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BELGIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
(WHO ASSURED THEM THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
HANDLE SECURITY ASPECTS) AND WILL SEE PRIME MINISTER
THIS WEEK. ADDITIONALLY, ORGANIZERS ARE IN CONTACT
WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY AND WILL TAKE SECURITY MEASURES
THEMSELVES. ADMITTANCE TO THE SESSIONS, WHICH WILL
BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC, WILL BE ON BASIS ID CARDS WITH
PHOTOS ISSUED BY CONFERENCE. LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY
WILL PROVIDE ITS OWN CONTROL IN ORDER TO AVOID TO
EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY ADVERSE PUBLICITY THAT MIGHT
RESULT FROM PUBLIC POLICE-DEMONSTRATOR CONFRONTATIONS.
ORGANIZERS WILL ASK BELGIANS TO PROHIBIT ALL DEMON-
STRATIONS, BUT ARE NOT SURE BELGIANS CAN OR WILL COMPLY
WITH THEIR REQUEST.

3. SUSSKIND FORESEES POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES FROM
FOLLOWING QUARTERS: (A) KGB-INSPIRED GROUPS. SOVIETS
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ARE FULLY AWARE OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE WHICH HAS BEEN
PUBLICLY ATTACKED IN PAPER " SOVIETSKAYA
ROSSIA" ACCORDING TO TASS. SHOULD SOVIET JEWS COME
FROM USSR (GRAND RABBI OF MOSCOW AND HIS PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT BOTH OF WHOM ARE CHARACTERIZED BY SUSSKIND AS KGB
AGENTS, MAY TRY TO ATTEND), THEY WILL BE RECEIVED FOR
DEBATE PURPOSES BY ALREADY ORGANIZED GROUP OF EX-SOVIET
JEWS OUTSIDE OF CONFERENCE SITE. SUSSKIND FURTHER

UNDERSTANDS THAT SOVIETS HAVE PROTESTED CONFERENCE DIRECTLY TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT . (B) ARAB COUNTRIES. ARAB COUNTRIES ARE ALSO UNDERSTOOD BY SUSSKIND TO HAVE PROTESTED CONFERENCE TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ARE NOT SURE AT THIS POINT WHETHER ARABS MIGHT TRY TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CONFERENCE DIRECTLY OR DRAWING ON ARAB-SYMPATHIZERS IN BELGIUM. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ARE ALSO AWARE OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST MOVES. (C) JEWISH FRINGE ELEMENTS. AS EACH COUNTRY WILL DETERMINE ITS OWN REPRESENTATION, FRINGE ELEMENTS INSIDE THE CONFERENCE ARE UNDER CONTROL. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT GROUPS LEFT OUTSIDE (THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE WAS CITED) MAY ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE SUSSKIND UNDERSTOOD THAT HDL LEADER RABBI KAHANE WOULD FINISH A PRISON TERM IN THE US ON JANUARY 27 AND THUS PRESUMABLY BE FREE TO APPEAR AT CONFERENCE SITE AS HE TRIED TO AT FIRST CONFERENCE IN 1971. ORGANIZERS APPEAR WELL-INFORMED IN THIS RESPECT AND CONSIDER PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL.

(D) CANDIDATES REJECTED BY INS FOR ENTRY TO US UNDER USRP. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (NOTAL), APPROXIMATELY 400 EX-SOVIET JEWS. WHO LEFT ISRAEL SEEKING PERMANENT SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE,HAVE SURFACED IN BELGIUM AND REGISTERED WITH VOLAGS. ALL ARE PART OF GROUP WHICH ARRIVED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15,1975. INS/FRANKFURT HAS BEEN EXAMINING CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY TO US UNDER USRP PROVISIONS IN BRUSSELS AS BOLAGS COMPLETE DOSSIERS. MOST RECENT INS SELECTION WAS WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 1975 (39 APPROVED; 56 REFUSED) AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT INS REP WILL RETURN T BRUSSELS AGAIN FEBRUARY 22-28. SUSSKIND BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE THAT THOSE EITHRR REJECTED BY INS OR AWAITING INS SELECTION

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MIGHT SEEK TO APPLY PRESSURE ON CONFERENCE AND THROUGH CONFERENCE OR BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ON USG TO ACCEPT ENTRY FO ALL NOW IN BELGIUM. WE HAVE EXPLAINED HOW USRP WORKS TO SUSSKIND SO THAT HE HAS INFO TO HANDLE THOSE POSSIBLE DISSIDENTS IN THIS CATEGORY WHO MIGHT BE HONEST, BUT CONFUSED SUSSKIND IS, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT KGB MIGHT CONTROL SOME IN THIS CATEGORY FOR THEIR OWN ENDS.

4. WE HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE MATTERS ON JAN 28 AND WILL REPORT FURTHER AS WE OBTAIN INFORMATION.

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